Assistance from Britain

4232. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Britain has decided to triple its development assistance to India at 300 million pounds from the prevailing 100 million pounds; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) After the recent visit of Ms. Clare Short, Secretary of State for International Development, United Kingdom, she has sent a letter to Finance Minister indicating UK's plan at least to triple their direct assistance to India — from present around 100 million pounds to 300 million pounds a year, in three years time. However, the UK Government has not yet conveyed their approval thereto.

Inclusion of HSD facility in MS retail outlets

4233. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether IWG had submitted proposal to add HSD facility on all lone MS retail outlets considering the disaffiliation of passenger cars;

(b) if so, whether BPC retail outlet has been resited at Greater Kailash, Ring Road, New Delhi and the said retail outlet was having MS and HSD both the facility on original location during sixties;

(c) whether BPC has already obtained the storage licence for HSD on its resited location; and

(d) the number of lone MS retail outlets in the country which have been provided HSD facilities during the last three years and the reasons for discrimination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) The Oil Industry has submitted a proposal to the

Government for delegation of powers to the Oil Marketing Companies to decide addition of the HSD facility to lone MS retail outlets on the basis of the potential need of the public in the locality and subject to availability of space and meeting the explosive norms.

(b) and (c) One retail outlet, viz., M/s Navyug Service Station of the Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPC) which was earlier located on Ring Road opposite Defence Colony, was resited to Greater Kailash-I, New Delhi during 1981. This was commissioned as an MS/HSD retail outlet by Burmah Shell during 1961 and subsequently the HSD facility was withdrawn owing to poor trade and it was run as a lone MS retail outlet till it was resited to the present location. The BPC has not obtained the storage licence for HSD at the resited location.

(d) The HSD facility was added to 55 lone MS retail outlets during the last three years.

Complaints received against DSBs in A.P., Bihar and U.P.

4234. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of guidelines laid down for appointment of Chairmen of Dealers Selection Boards and allotment of petrol pumps and gas agencies in various States;

(b) whether Government have recently received complaints from U.P., Bihar, Andhra Pradesh etc. that some Chairmen of the Boards do not fulfil conditions laid down in guidelines and also that the guidelines have been violated with regard to allotment of petrol pumps and gas agencies;

(c) if so, the details of complaints received and the action taken thereon; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to ensure that aforesaid guidelines are followed objectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH